

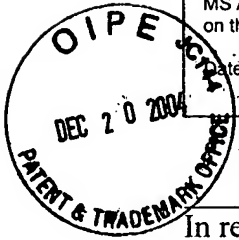
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 1, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. An Appeal Brief for this application is due on December 20, 2004. Accordingly, this communication is timely filed.

The Advisory Action states that the response filed October 20, 2004 has been considered and the amendments therein will be entered for purposes of Appeal. The Advisory Action further indicates that the restriction requirement has been maintained and the Office has withdrawn claims 33-39 from consideration. Finally, in the Advisory Action the Office has maintained only the rejection of claims 26-31 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicants are electing to abandon the present application in favor of the continuation patent application filed October 29, 2004. This abandonment is made without prejudice and is not

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